

Big disorderly houses.....	350
Small disorderly houses.....	150
Semi-private dives.....	100
Small private rooms.....	50
Middle class private rooms.....	250
Small private rooms.....	100
Crap games.....	50
Poker dice in saloons and cigar stores.....	50 to 100

No one day of the combined investigations as to the murder of Rosenthal and the graft system that led to it has produced more sensational disclosures, except perhaps the day that was signaled by the confessions of Becker, Rose and Valion and the indictment and arrest of Lieut. Becker.

While it was known by the District Attorney that Lieut. Becker had not told the truth when he said that he was comparatively a poor man, that the little that he had represented the savings of himself and wife, it was not until yesterday that Mr. Whitman was able to produce for the information of the public the exact figures from bank ledgers showing that the lieutenant was pretty well off for cash.

First View From Rose.

It was Jack Rose who gave him the first clue to Becker's hidden wealth. But Mr. Whitman did not rely upon Rose alone, nor did he, of course, employ Central Office men to get the facts. He went after the truth quietly. He used the most intelligent young men in his office. They gathered their information from New York clubs frequented by gamblers, from social gatherings where men interested in the outcome of the graft talked a little more freely than had been their habit, from tradesmen and from the gossip bearers of the underworld—the convivial and talkative gamblers who knew pretty accurately what the facts were.

It was by these methods that the District Attorney uncovered the Corn Exchange Bank, Empire City Savings Bank, Lincoln Trust Company, Western Trust Company, and the West Side Savings Bank accounts of Becker, and that enabled him to find also that Becker had a safe deposit box in two trust companies, one of which is the Lincoln Trust Company. Manager Griffin of that branch of the Lincoln Trust Company, 300 Broadway, Square, saw the District Attorney yesterday and told him that the company had rented a safe deposit box to Lieut. Becker and his wife jointly. Between November 24 and June 11 last they had made fourteen visits to the box, said Mr. Griffin. The name of the other District Attorney declined to reveal last night.

The same methods secured also information as to the five other bank accounts that Becker has in Manhattan. Mr. Whitman expects to be able to submit to the Grand Jury definite figures as to these five accounts as well as to the four accounts mentioned above.

How the Graft Grew.

An examination of Becker's banking operations indicated to Mr. Whitman the swift profits of the game.

When Becker first took charge of the strong arm squad and became known to the gamblers as the man with whom they would have to deal, his takings, as shown by the deposits of these early months, back in the winter of 1911, were comparatively modest—matters of \$500 or \$1,000, or even less. But as the months passed the lieutenant grew more opulent. The deposits ran into the thousands. It has already been proved that in April, 1912, he deposited \$7,500 in two institutions, and that in May, 1912, he put away \$7,330.

As Rose's confession and supplementary statements have it and as is disclosed by the information got by Burns, Becker's gleanings were vastly more than the thousands stored away to his account.

Rose puts Becker's collections in behalf of a small number of police officials at \$2,400,000 a year for Manhattan alone, but Burns told the District Attorney yesterday that there is every reason now to believe that the total profits of blackmail which were pocketed or distributed by the three men, who were the general managers of the blackmail system, one as the head hotel man, the lawyer-politician and the Police Department official, ran far into the millions. Becker, Rose says, put his own annual profits at about \$600,000 a year. So far the District Attorney has accurate information that Becker banked \$200,000 in cash, as well as that he carried out real estate operations. And he was not speculating in Japanese lots.

Becker's Part in Murder.

The most interesting witness that has appeared before the Grand Jury in many a day was Jack Rose. Rose not only repeated his confession and the amplification of it contained in statements to the District Attorney, but he furnished new and even more surprising details as to Becker's part in the murder and as to Becker's promises of safety.

It is known that the amiable hotel man, who says he was driven to murder by his own weakness and cowardice, made a remarkable impression upon the Grand Jury. Rose, as well as Weber, was dressed and barbered for an important day. Their clothes were freshly pressed. Their linen was immaculate. They wore boutonnieres and they added of color dear to the heart of the gambler and the brisk sporting man. Rose's manner was convincing. He talked straightforwardly and was not to be tripped in his story. He was questioned frequently, but for the most part he talked straight away in a running narrative. He took up his acquaintance with Becker from the first day they met and he brought it down to the time of his last communication by telephone with the lieutenant, when Becker, still sure of safety, was counselling Rose not to surrender.

\$1,000 to Pay Gamblers.

One part of his story stood out like a big white light. It was that part which described the talk that he and Becker had with Becker less than an hour after Rosenthal was shot down by Becker, hurrying to the Murray Hill Bathing House and Becker and Jack Sullivan, conferred with them as to how shrewdly their game of dodging detection must be played and then got down to real business.

"Bridge," said the lieutenant, as cool as an iceberg, "these men have got to have some get-away money. They'll have to beat it out of town in a hurry. I'm shy of cash to-night. You give Rose or Schepps a thousand dollars so they can pay the boys."

"You owe me \$500 now," said Becker. "Oh, that's all right," said Becker, with a wave of his cigar. His voice hardened. He gave Becker a pretty good look, then and Becker both told the Grand Jury.

"That's all right, I say," he went on. "You put up \$1,000 and I will give it to you to-morrow along with the \$500 I owe you."

Webster, a careful soul where money was concerned did not like the proposition very much, but it was one he had to accept. He agreed then to give

the money to Rose or Schepps the next morning.

Afraid of Whitman.

Rose, standing by, with tremors running up and down his back, put in a word on his own account. He said to Becker:

"The understanding that Whitman has the number of that car. That fellow will split the beans as sure as your're born." "He'll go through with it as we want him to," said Becker, coldly.

"You've got the police," returned Rose nervously, "but I don't believe you've got the District Attorney." "To hell with the District Attorney," said Becker. "We'll sidetrack that boob."

The conference ended then after Rose had told Becker that he was going to the Lafayette Baths and that he would go from the baths to Harry Pollok's apartment in the Riviera, at Riverside Drive and 157th street, and after Weber had promised again to go through with his part of the bargain.

Rose Pays the Murderers.

Rose and Schepps went to the Garden restaurant at Seventh avenue and 157th street. About 1 P. M., or even hours after Rosenthal was murdered, Louis Rosenzweig (Lefty Louie) and Harry Horowitz (Gyp the Blood), showed up at the Garden. The other two gunmen did not appear. Rose himself, he says, paid over the money to Lefty Louie and Gyp the Blood and told them that Becker said that each one of the four was to have \$25,000.

What became of the assassins afterward Rose and Weber do not know, they said yesterday. Rose went to Harry Pollok's house and Schepps, meeting Jack Sullivan at the Garden restaurant, sat down for a quiet breakfast and for a discussion with newspaper men of the virtues and vices of the late Rosenthal.

The actual story as to how the money was obtained and paid to the murderers bears out the comment made by Sam Schepps in a letter which he was about to mail to Rose when he was arrested at Hot Springs. Schepps complained rather querulously that Rose was charging him with something he did not do—paying the run men.

Harry Valion, the other informer, was not called before the Grand Jury. The witnesses in addition to Rose and Weber were Deputy Commissioner Dougherty, Richard G. Barter, the notary who was taken to Harry Pollok's house, along with Lawyer John W. Hart, by Becker while Rose was in hiding; Thomas Coupe, a clerk at the Elks Club, and Rose Harris, the young woman who was arrested on the night of July 23 with Frank Cronin (Dago Frank).

Stirred Rose's Fears.

Mr. Barter added a curious detail to his story. He said that while he was in a room with Lawyer Hart and Rose he made this remark:

"It was an awful thing to kill that man."

Neither Hart nor Rose replied to his remark. Mr. Barter said, but Rose went immediately to a telephone and talked in a low voice to somebody. Asked about this incident Rose said yesterday that Barter's comment had made him suspicious and that he had gone to the District Attorney and called up Lieut. Becker. Becker reassured him, he says, as to Barter.

"That man is all right," said Becker over the phone.

Mr. Barter supplied other facts as to the method by which Lawyer Hart obtained for Becker an affidavit from Rose whitewashing the lieutenant.

Thomas Coupe, the clerk at the Elks, identified three of the men accused of the actual murder. As he stood in front of the Elks Club immediately after the killing, he saw in the gray coat, the red coat, the red coat, the Blood and Dago Frank. He was not positive that Whitey Lewis was one of the men he had seen. Having taken a look at Louis Libby, Coupe thought that Libby was one of the men who had been in the car. But the District Attorney does not believe that Libby was there. He will, however, send Shapiro's partner to the West Side court prison, the retreat of the informers, to see if association with State's witnesses will have any effect on Libby.

May Indict Shapiro.

So far as Shapiro is concerned the District Attorney is about through with him as a State's witness. Outside of the Grand Jury room yesterday Mr. Whitman was moved to tell Assemblyman Aaron J. Levy, Shapiro's counsel, that he believed Shapiro was playing a game of deception. Mr. Whitman told Mr. Levy pretty frankly that unless Shapiro made up his mind very soon to tell the truth he might expect an indictment for murder in the first degree.

The Grand Jury spent more than four hours with these witnesses. It will not be in session to-day, but will resume its work to-morrow. There is every indication that six more indictments for murder will be returned by to-morrow night. These indictments will accuse Horowitz, Rosenzweig, Muller, Cronin, Sullivan and Shapiro and possibly Schepps if Schepps insists on extradition proceedings.

The work which produced the tabulation of graft assessments which THE SUN prints this morning brought out also the story of how Lieut. Becker once accepted a \$2,500 check from John Freeman, who ran one of the most sumptuous gambling houses in the city. Freeman had been dealing entirely with the inspector. To Freeman's gambling house in West Thirty-eighth street the delegates to the State gathering will be chosen.

"We are creating a new party. Former Democrats as well as former Republicans are to be chosen as delegates to our conventions."

Mr. Hotchkiss also urged the county chairman of the party to permit voters to enroll in the party and to participate in the primaries.

Mr. Hotchkiss cautioned Progressives against enrolling in any other party or taking part in the primaries of any other party, because if they did, they would be brought in for signing petitions for independent nominations.

Pinkerton Capture Alleged Robber.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 13.—W. J. Walsh, alleged member of a gang of five burglars who hid out in the city of Tacoma, was captured at New Westminster in September last and carried away \$71,000 in currency and gold, and a small amount of jewelry.

Pinkerton operatives on Saturday night at Addison, an alleged fifth member, is said to have been captured.

the District Attorney's information, was handed over to a police official of much higher rank than Becker, indorsed by this official and cashed by him.

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Mr. Whitman is now on the trail of this check and expects to get it.

The "big three" of the gambling graft, the men named by William J. Burns to District Attorney Whitman as the triumvirate of blackmail, the general managers of the graft business, were furious, as Mr. Whitman hears, when they found that a check had been taken. Becker came very nearly losing his place as a strong arm commander. He was wounded and warned against such indiscretions. It is said that he took no more checks.

The Big Three in Graft.

Mr. Burns paid a call to District Attorney Whitman yesterday. This Sir is able to say positively that they did talk about the operations of the three graft managers. These men claimed to represent the city administration, the Democratic organization and the police department. All of them have powerful connections. Mr. Burns told the District Attorney yesterday that he is certain that he will land them, although the chase may be a long and a hard one. The District Attorney said to THE SUN reporter:

"Our own investigation so far has not had to do directly with the hooker, the lawyer-politician and the Police Department official, whom Burns names as the managers of the graft. But Burns is positive that he is right and that these men will sooner or later have to step into court. I am sorry that the news got out that these three men are involved. I would have preferred that any hint as to their identity be kept secret. But it is the truth and I believe we will finally get them, after working upward through their pools and underlings."

The day that the murder investigation is out of the way the District Attorney and the Grand Jury will give all their efforts toward tracing the activities of crooked policemen and the operations of the three criminals who are said to have systematized the graft.

Perhaps the first indictment along this line of work will be that of an uptown inspector, one of the veteran policemen of the department. His bank accounts have been looked into and there are evidences of extraordinary prosperity. At least four other inspectors are being investigated by Burns and the District Attorney's assistants.

Becker Indictment Stands.

Judge Mulqueen in General Sessions Court yesterday dismissed a motion made by Becker's counsel to dismiss the murder indictment and for permission to examine the minutes of the Grand Jury. In making his ruling on the motion Judge Mulqueen said:

"A careful examination of the motion papers here failed to disclose any substantial reason for the inspection of the minutes of the Grand Jury. Counsel for the defense maintains that the opinion of the Appellate Division of this court in the Montgomery case is obiter dicta."

"There was some force in this contention, but an expression of the unanimous opinion of the Judges of that court I have always held should be highly regarded. The wisdom and learning of the court should be a guide to other Judges in the decision of motions of this kind. The decision in each case must depend upon the facts as they appear from the motion papers. In the light of that decision this motion must be dismissed."

WALDO WANTS NOTHING HID.

Says Paraguing Will Rehabilitate Force—Suspended Sentence Figures.

"Both as Police Commissioner and as citizen I am very much in favor of the Aldermanic investigation," said Police Commissioner Waldo yesterday. "I shall render to Mr. Curran, Mr. Buckner and their associates every assistance in my power. It is to the interest of every honest man on the force, and that takes in so many policemen as to interest nearly all of them, that every bit of evidence of grafting that can be obtained shall be brought out."

"The investigation seems to me to be an excellent thing and will tend to restore confidence in the police force. My findings are made known. I am sure the public will then learn that with the exception of a few the police force is efficient and honest."

"If the Aldermanic investigation results, as I hope it will, in improving police conditions, in helping policemen to enforce the law, in ridding the department of such dishonest men as may be in it, the committee will receive the gratitude and respect of the people of this city."

Commissioner also supplemented his remarks by a statement made by the department had not received the support it should get from the courts.

"Since the beginning of the year," he said, "there have been 9,213 convictions obtained by the force. Of these sentences was suspended on 2,539, a percentage so large as to encourage crime. There have been 17 arrests for burglary, for assault and robbery, for burglary in residences, for burglary in stores, 154 for grand larceny, 221 for petty larceny, 24 in cases of pocket picking and 1,068 suspended sentences in all, including the department of such dishonest men as may be in it."

Commissioner also said he had received a request from the Attorney General to send a detective to Hot Springs for Sam Schepps. He could not remember whether it was a detective attached to the District Attorney's office or one from Headquarters.

The receipt of the letter from the District Attorney and the sending of the detective, he said, were merely the usual routine when a prisoner is to be brought to New York from another State. He denied that the Schepps arrest had caused any ill feeling between him and Mr. Whitman.

HOTCHKISS CALLS AND WARNS.

Progressives Must Keep to Their Own Primaries.

State Chairman Hotchkiss issued yesterday formal calls for the Progressive State convention in Syracuse on September 3 and 4, and for the county convention on September 10. He urged delegates to the State gathering will be chosen.

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SCHPEPS IS MISSING OR BEING HIDDEN BY POLICE

Hot Springs Officials Won't Talk of Rumor That He Escaped.

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Rosenthal Suspect's Time of Detention in Arkansas Expired at 5 Yesterday.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Aug. 13.—Considerable excitement was created here to-night when it was noised about that Sam Schepps, wanted as an important witness in the Rosenthal murder case and police graft scandal in New York city, had mysteriously disappeared. No one to-night knows where he is unless it be the police, and they have refused to make any sort of a statement.

At 5 o'clock this afternoon the statutory time limit in this State when a prisoner may be held without being arraigned in some court of competent jurisdiction on some charge expired, and it was just about that time that Schepps and his guards all disappeared.

When questioned as to Schepps whereabouts to-night the local police maintained a discreet silence, and will neither deny nor affirm the rumor that the much wanted witness has succeeded in making his escape from his guards.

It is reported on one authority that Schepps has been returned to the custody of the Federal officers and is being held somewhere in the hills near here until Assistant District Attorney Rubin from New York gets here to-morrow.

Schepps has not been arraigned in any city, township or county court here, and no charge has been preferred against him. He has not even been treated as a prisoner except that an officer accompanied him wherever he went, and that was wherever he chose to go. The nearest he has come to being in court here was to stand for ten minutes in the door of the city police court room to-day, and was an interested spectator in the proceedings of that court.

After that he was taken to the chief's office and kept there until the arrival of the early morning train, and when no officer arrived from New York to claim possession of him he was taken back to the Marquette Hotel and later enjoyed an auto ride about the city.

Schepps and his two guards this afternoon visited a motion picture theatre, and it was from that point Schepps disappeared. The picture was not to his liking, probably because of the fact it was a story of graft and intrigue, and though it was a three reel feature he remained only two reels and then left the theatre and has not been seen since.

"I would commit suicide before I would go back with a New York policeman," Schepps is quoted as saying a few minutes before his supposed disappearance. Local officers have repeatedly declared they would surrender him only to the representative of Whitman's office.

Acting Mayor Pettit to-day received the following telegram from Terre Haute, Ind.:

"Will arrive in Hot Springs Wednesday morning at 10:05. J. R. Rubin, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney."

Those who look on the Schepps disappearance as a part of the graft case, officers to get him out of the way of court process should be apply for a writ of habeas corpus to obtain his release since the time limit has expired, believe that when Mr. Rubin arrives here he will find his man. Unless some sort of court action is taken to resist Schepps' return to New York the start for that city may possibly be made to-morrow afternoon.

The news was received here this afternoon that Schepps' attorney has left New York for this city. He has warned his client not to leave here until he arrives in Hot Springs. That has strengthened the belief that Schepps will seek to resist his return to New York even with Whitman's representatives.

Schepps this afternoon showed grief over his present predicament. He was sitting in the lobby of the Marquette Hotel with his guards and talking to several women.

"Your wife must certainly be considerably worried over your present trouble, isn't she?" asked one of the women.

"No, but there is one woman who is worrying more than any one else, and that is my mother," replied Schepps.

Schepps gave out the following statement to-day:

"I want to say that every sensational story that has been sent out from Hot Springs, no matter by whom, which quotes me either directly or indirectly as having made any confession of any connection as regards police graft, white slave traffic and so on, I brand as maliciously false, made out of whole cloth and I have no recollection of having said anything of the kind."

"I want the newspapers to know for a certain fact that this interview, which I am willing to sign and swear to, is the fact and only the fact and nothing more. The representative of any newspaper press association whatever, as regards the killing of Herman Rosenthal I have made no confession, I have nothing to confess. Mr. Whitman knows this. The newspaper men who have asked me for some statement know it, but I think some of them wanted to make a little money out of misstatement."

When I was taken in custody Postmaster Johnson took from me a letter I had written to him. He promised to send me either an envelope or indirectly to the District Attorney Whitman's orders. I fear some sentence in those letters might be misconstrued by those not knowing everything connected with the case. I am sure, however, that I have returned to me or given in the care of Police Captain George Howell or Police Chief Leonard. This was not done."

"I was powerless, not knowing whether any charges had been made against me. I understand these letters have been used. I want to say that their use was, in my opinion, illegal and libellous. My attorney will explain this feature when I return to New York."

I fear no person or agent in New York city, but since it seems to be legal that Mr. Whitman has a right to demand that I be given into his custody as a witness, I have demanded my right as a detained witness against whom no charge of crime has or can be made, to be given into the custody of none except Mr. Whitman's authorized representatives."

I want to repeat that this is the only authorized statement I have made for the representative of any newspaper or press association."

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WILL HAVE A FREE HAND

Aldermen's Committee and Counsel Unhindered in Investigation.

Assistant District Attorney Buckner, who has been chosen by the Board of Aldermen as their counsel in the graft investigation, was at the Criminal Courts Building yesterday morning as the prosecutor of Chester Yates, the young man charged with stealing \$85,000 worth of securities from Aaron Bancroft, an aged banker, on March 2, 1911.

Mr. Buckner took lunch with Alderman Curran and did not return to the building in the afternoon. It was said that it would be some time before he got the loose ends of his work caught in and could devote his time entirely to the investigation.

"It is within the power of every citizen who wants better conditions in his city to enroll in a volunteer militia to assist our investigation."

"No matter what trend our investigation takes, it will accept the help of any one, no matter how slight that help may be. We want every one who knows anything about the subjects we delve into to come forward and tell us. That's the only way we can really accomplish something big and lasting."

"I was named as counsel less than twenty-four hours ago, yet I have been deluged with requests from people to tell them what I am going to do. How can I? If I were to try to work out a complete plan of campaign I should be giving the best possible proof of my inefficiency for the undertaking. Nobody knows exactly what he shall do."

"We are facing an enormous task. It requires extensive preparation, close study and energy to organize machinery for procuring evidence. For, although as I have said, it is within the power of people generally to give us great help we can rely only on their voluntary assistance. We have also got to go out and collect the evidence we want. We will have to get together our own force to do so—assistant counsel, clerks, stenographers and detectives."

"Does the committee expect to have its own detective force, independent of the District Attorney?"

"I don't know," Mr. Buckner replied. "We often hear said that there are more than ten thousand policemen in New York that all but a small minority are honest, courageous, able and interested only in doing their duty efficiently. Are they? The majority is built largely on tradition and public rumor. What are the facts behind it? What are the facts behind those facts? Are there actually nine thousand honest policemen in New York and a thousand or more dishonest or negligently honest ones?"

"We never have had any facts bearing upon this point, just as we never have had facts bearing upon a whole lot of other points involved in similar investigations of the past."

"The District Attorney is charged with the responsibility of collecting evidence by the rules of evidence and court procedure and often his efforts are narrowed by these restrictions. In an investigation such as ours we can go as far as we like. In this freedom of action I think we shall turn up much evidence which the District Attorney will not be able to get."

"The committee has the power of subpoena and may have a witness adjudged in contempt if he refuses to answer questions. We have the authority of a court of law and we have the power to bring our case before a jury. Then too we shall be able to bring more publicity upon the matters we develop."

BUCKNER TO HAVE FREE HAND

Responsive to Aldermen Only—Gaynor Signs Appropriation.

Mayor Gaynor yesterday signed the resolution of the Aldermen appropriating \$25,000 for the board's graft investigating committee. The appropriation needs the sanction of the Board of Estimate before it becomes available. While it is understood that the Mayor will call a special meeting of the board the only announcement made yesterday from his office was that the resolution had been signed.

Unless the Mayor calls a special meeting the matter will have to lie until the middle of September, when the board begins its regular weekly meetings after the summer vacation.

The possibility of such delay, however, is not bothering Alderman Curran, chairman of the committee, nor Emory R. Buckner, its counsel. Mr. Curran said yesterday that the cost of the inquiry, because of its thoroughness, would be many thousands more than has been appropriated and that already promises of subscriptions made to the committee made it certain that there would be no lack of funds.

Mr. Buckner is to have a free hand in the investigation. That was decided yesterday at a conference of Mr. Buckner, Mr. Curran and Corporation Counsel Watson. Mr. Watson has taken the position that under the law the legal adviser of the committee must be designated as an Assistant Corporation Counsel. This would put Mr. Buckner under the domination of Mr. Watson and would compel him to lay his plans for the inquiry before Mr. Watson; also to obey any orders which the Corporation Counsel might give.

At yesterday's conference Mr. Curran told Mr. Watson that the committee would not accept such supervision. Mr. Curran said Mr. Buckner would be retained as a special counsel and would be responsible to no one but the committee, and that it was necessary to carry out this plan Mr. Buckner's fee would be raised by subscriptions.

Mr. Watson said he did not want to hamper the committee and told Mr. Curran that if he felt that Mr. Buckner should be employed as a special counsel he would not object that course. Mr. Watson said he would be glad to assist the committee in every way. Mr. Curran assured him that the committee would take advantage of that offer.

FIVE MURDERERS 'BIG AD' FOR NEW BURIAL SHOP

Undertakers Show Bodies of Sing Sing Victims to Mortal Bid Thousands.

TRAYS FOR CASH GIFTS

Four Horse Hearse and Brass Band Parts of Funeral Publicity Scheme.

The heads and shoulders of the five young Italians who were executed in the electric chair at Sing Sing early Monday for the murder of Mrs. Mary Hall in Westchester county last November were propped up as the dead men were laid in a row in a little undertaking shop at 236 Mulberry street all day and night yesterday so that men, women and children down to babes in arms might file past at the feet of the murderers and look upon their faces.

The dead lay close together with a white pall over the first man and black sails over the other four. Just above the face and chest of each there was a large square opening in the cloth so that the stream of visitors that passed along might see the features of the dead.

Large japanned trays almost covered with copper, nickel and silver coins rested on the first, third and fifth man over the dead bodies. The "clink clink" of pennies, dimes and quarters that the Italian men and women dropped upon the trays to help pay for the brass band and the "good funeral" and the four horses for each hearse tinkled on almost without a break from morning until midnight and after.

Planned to the foot of each pall was the name and age of the dead man.

A short, fat Italian youth, who recently opened the undertaking shop now and then relieved his older partner near the foot of the white pall to keep a careful eye on the money on the trays.

The street door of the tiny shop was elaborately decorated with purple and gold draperies. The walls inside were covered with white silk hangings upon which had been painted copies of Murillo's "Immaculate Conception" and other religious pictures. Tall brass candelabra were banked beside the first and fifth pall. The room is so small that when the five bodies had been arranged crosswise and almost touching each other there was just room for a single file of persons to walk by at the foot.

The very little children had a hard time of it even when standing on tipt